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উচ্চমাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষা, ২০২৪

**English
(Old Syllabus)**

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Full Marks : 100

(General Instructions for the Examinees)

All Candidates should answer First Paper and Second Paper in one Answer Booklet.

Candidates should write their Name, Roll No. and Registration No.
in their respective answer scripts.

First 15 Minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.
Answers should be in brief and to the point.

Write correct question no. against each answer.

Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.
Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.
In the right side, the marks of questions are given.

First Paper

Full Marks: 50

1. Answer *any three* of the following questions (Each answer should be in about 40-50 words): $5 \times 3 = 15$
 - (a) What did the children promise Miss Susan Fernandes? Why couldn't they keep their promise? What did Lakshmi promise her mother? (2+2+1)
 - (b) How many swans did the poet see in the lake? When did the poet first see the swans? What changes does the poet feel in the nineteenth autumn of his stay at Coole park? (1+2+2)
 - (c) Since when did the people become aware of the concept of time? Why do we have to keep up with time? How is a factory 'a device for making workmen hurry'? (1+2+2)
 - (d) How was the Patriot greeted? Why was he greeted in such a manner? What did the national hero ask from his people in return? (2+2+1)
2. Answer *any one* of the following questions (Each answer should be in about 100-120 words): $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - (a) In 'Where the Grass Grows Greener', the author speaks of early summer. Yet he says, "I know there had to be water there". What makes him think so? What does the expression 'marriage of waters' mean? Why does the author consider the ocean as 'another droplet in the universe'? What was the reaction of the pair of martins when they saw the author? (3+2+3+2)
 - (b) What does Susan see after she hears the thrush? Where is the mountain ascending? Does the poet hint at anything else by the word 'ascending', particularly in relation to Susan's experience? How has the poet described the 'one only dwelling on earth' that Susan loves? (2+2+3+3)
3. Answer *any two* of the following questions (Each answer should be in about 40-50 words): $5 \times 2 = 10$
 - (a) "A hundred pounds is little enough for the Government to offer for him."—Who said this? Who was the person spoken to? Why is it 'little enough'? (1+1+3)
 - (b) 'Not if it was ten times as much.'—Who is the speaker? What is the occasion of the remark? How does the person spoken to react? (1+2+2)
 - (c) 'They say he's a wonder.'—Who is referred to as 'he' in the above remark? When does the speaker say so? Why is he called 'a Wonder'? (1+2+2)
4. Answer *any one* of the following questions (Each answer should be in about 100-120 words): $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - (a) Describe the character of the Ragged Man as portrayed in the play 'The Rising of the Moon'. 10
 - (b) How is the sergeant when the play started and what change do you find at the end of the play? Why does not the sergeant want that the two policemen should stay with him? (8+2)
5. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the given alternatives: $1 \times 5 = 5$
 - (i) Mr. Nuttel was

(a) a relative of Mrs. Sappleton.	(b) the elder brother of the young lady.
(c) a new-comer in the locality.	(d) a salesman.
 - (ii) Johnsy and Sue were

(a) friends	(b) relatives	(c) neighbours	(d) consins
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 - (iii) Naturalists are people who study

(a) trees and plants	(b) the earth
(c) the nature of animals and birds	(d) human nature

- (iv) The poet Matthew Arnold in his poem 'Quiet Work', wishes to
 (a) teach people about Nature's work. (b) learn a lesson from Nature.
 (c) tell people about Nature's work. (d) experience the work of man.
- (v) In the poem 'The Patriot', "the house roof seemed to heave and sway", means
 (a) the house-roofs were about to fall as they were weak.
 (b) people gathered on roof tops, swaying their heads to cheer the triumphant hero.
 (c) the roof-tops could not carry the burden of so many people gathered there to have a glimpse of their hero.
 (d) the earthquake make it feel so.

Second Paper**Full Marks: 50**

1. Write the substance of the following passage: 5

Man is the maker of his own fortune. We cannot prosper in life if we are afraid of work. Some people think that success in life depends on luck or chance. Nothing can be further from truths. Scientists have toiled day and night in their laboratories to invent telephone, gramophones, radio, television which have added luxury and comfort to our life. Life is not a bed of roses. Life will be a total misery if we keep away from labour and fail to earn money to meet our daily expenses. Industry is the secret of success not only for an individual but also for a nation. Russia and America are the most powerful nations of the world today. They have attained this power, position and recognition by virtue of the earnest toil of their children. We, Indians, must work hard to promote the prestige of our motherland.

2. Write a paragraph in about 120 words on *any one* of the following topics with the help of the hints given below: 6

- (a) 'Science in Daily Life'.

[Introduction — the invention of science — the things that we use in our daily life — make life easier — various gadgets and machines introduced in daily life — our dependence on science]

- (b) 'A Book You Have Recently Read'

[Introduction : the author and, about the book — story in brief — its impact on you — how you felt and why do you like the story — conclusion]

- (c) A Rainy Day

[Introduction : description of the weather — what did you do — how you enjoyed — your feeling — conclusion]

3. (a) Write a letter (in about 120 words) about any major Indian festival to a penfriend who is living abroad. You should give a very brief description of the festival and its different aspects. 5

Or,

- (b) Write a letter to the Postmaster of the Post Office of your locality requesting him to find an important letter addressed to you. Mention about the loss of that particular letter that you have not received yet. 5

4. (a) Write a story using the given hints. Give a suitable title to the story. 6
 [Crow gets a piece of meat—flies to a nearby tree—a fox passes under the tree—looks at the meat—hits upon a plan—requests the crow to sing—the crow understands his plan—keeps the meat under his feet and sings—the fox befools and runs away]

Or,

- (b) Write a story using the given hints. Add a title to the story. 6
 [A poor farmer—a goose—laid golden egg—farmer greedy—cut the belly of the goose—found no egg—goose died—farmer regretted.]

5. Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on a fire broke out in a Shopping Mall. 6
[Cause of the fire—any casualty or injury—measures taken—damage]

Or,

Write a newspaper report on a boat capsized in the Ganges river near Diamond Harbour. Use the following points: 6

[Date, time and place of the accident—Cause of the accident—Casualties—Rescue measures]

6. (a) Join the following sentences in one sentence: 3

I was walking by the lake side. At that time I noticed some water-lilies. The water-lilies were floating at a distance.

- (b) Split the following into four or five sentences: 3

There were two frogs who lived in a pond and were very happy because the pond was full of lotuses.

7. (a) Turn the following sentences into an indirect speech: 2+2=4

The man said “I tell you would not like to be looking at him. You’d be afraid to be in the one place with him”.

- (b) Turn the following sentences in a direct speech.

The Sergeant told that he thought it might be a boat and he had a notion there might be friends of his coming about the quays with a boat.

8. Frame questions with ‘wh’ words provided the questions should suit the given contents. 1×4=4

- (a) When

Content : He came home from the factory in the morning.

- (b) Where

Content : The procession is leading to the University.

- (c) Who

Content : The founder of the Viswabharati was Rabindranath Tagore.

- (d) What

Content : His father is a doctor. His mother is a doctor.

9. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Newton had a little pet dog named Diamond. One day, when he was fifty years old, he went out of his room, leaving his little dog asleep before the fire. For twenty years he was hard at work, studying a most difficult and important subject. On the table lay a heap of papers on which he had written down all that he had found out during these twenty years. When his master was gone, little Diamond got up on the table and overturned the lighted candle. The papers at once caught fire. Just when the papers had been completely burnt, Newton opened the door of the room. He saw that the fruits of his twenty years labours had been turned into a heap of ashes. There stood Diamond, the cause of this mischief. Almost any other man would have killed the dog then and there. But Newton patted him on the head with kindness, although his heart was full of grief.

- (a) (i) What was laid on the table of Newton? 2

- (ii) Describe how did the papers on the table turn into ashes. 2

- (b) State whether the following sentences are True or False. Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false. 1×4=4

(i) The name of the little pet cat of Newton was Diamond.

(ii) Newton was studying about an important subject for past 20 years.

(iii) The dog get down of the table and overturned the candle.

(iv) Newton forgave the pet dog out of kindness.